



EU-Russia Student Conference

Breaking Down Barriers

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The goal

The conference will bring together students from the EU and Russia through business interests

The EU-Russia Student Conference is the first large-scale initiative that brings together European and Russian students through business interests. We, students from Austria and Russia, founded this conference because we believe that the people of the European Union and Russia share many common interests; so our young people should build on them in the area of business and economics. By connecting leading companies and institutions with driven students at our conference, we want to create a sustainable economic relationship for future generations.

The speakers

Distinguished guests from business, finance and academia will share their views on EU-Russia cooperation at the conference



Ewald Nowotny

Governor, Oesterreichische
Nationalbank



Elvira Nabiullina

Governor, Central Bank
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Thomas Birtel

CEO, Strabag SE



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CEO, Breitspur
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Director, OMV Group



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The themes

Students will solve business cases in four workshops, helping the EU and Russia to grow their business relations

Workshop Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Österreichische Nationalbank (the Central Bank of the Republic of Austria) is looking forward to hearing students' visions on the future of payment systems and convenient forms of retail payment. The ongoing transition from traditional physical payment instruments (cash, money orders) to fast alternative online payment systems and innovative distributed technologies offers a wide range of new payment solutions. In this workshop, students will identify and describe the most promising products that in their opinion can provide a frictionless customer payment experience. They will take on the challenge to develop a comprehensive concept of the Next Big Thing in the field of payment services.

Students:

The students in this workshop come from Belarus State Economic University, MGIMO, Moscow State University, National Research University Higher School of Economics, New Economic School, Novosibirsk State University, University of London, University of Warwick, and Vienna University of Business and Economics.

Experts:

- Elina Leonidovna Sidorenko, Head of the Working Group of the State Duma on risk assessment of cryptocurrency turnover
- Andreas Timel, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- Svetlana Vladimirovna Tolkacheva, VTB Group

Workshop Rail Cargo Group

Project “Breitspur”, a joint project between the national railway companies of Austria (ÖBB), Slovakia (ZSR), Ukraine (UZ) and Russia (RZD), is planning to connect the Twin City region of Bratislava and Vienna with the Russian broad gauge network. This project will be analysed in light of the broader Chinese One Belt, One Road (OBOR) initiative which is aiming at enhancing international trade and globalisation through the tool of financial investments in infrastructure and construction projects. Can a Eurasian rail service compete with serious alternatives to sea and air? How can the problems of delays, mostly due to the time-consuming process of changing the gauges, at border hubs be overcome? By analysing the Pros- and Cons of Project “Breitspur”, screening and evaluating the market and designing a terminal set-up, participants of this workshop will develop recommendations for decision makers.

Students:

The students in this workshop come from University of Paris-Sorbonne, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, London School of Economics, FH Vienna University of Applied Science, University College London, University of Glasgow, University of Groningen, National Research University Higher School of Economics, University College of London, University of Applied Sciences Wiener Neustadt, Altai State University, MGIMO, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Vienna University of Economics and Business, and Russian University of Transport.

Experts:

- Representatives from Rail Cargo Group



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Workshop Raiffeisen Bank Russia

Raiffeisen Bank Russia's CIB challenges students to solve the issue of the bank's corporate clients' base growth. By the year 2021, Raiffeisen Bank aims to achieve x3 growth of its corporate client base, while maintaining high ROA and moderate CIR ratios. Growth within the existing customer base is already limited, meaning that the bank will have to acquire new corporate clients.

Students:

The students in this workshop come from Bocconi University, HSE, University of Luxembourg, MGIMO, University of Vienna, Saint Petersburg State University, University College London (UCL), University of Hamburg and others.

Experts:

- Representatives from Raiffeisen Bank CIB team and HR

Workshop Strabag SE

The Strabag case is dedicated to the recent changes of Russian Federal Law No. 214 which among other things regulates payment flows between the project developer and property buyers. Under the new law, the money collected from property buyers cannot be used by the developer during the construction phase. Rather, the money needs to be put in an escrow account at a bank (the bank does not pay interest on this account). The participants of the case will research legal and economic consequences for all the players in the market of equity construction as well as international experience in this field.

Students:

The students in this workshop come from Higher School of Economics, RANEPA Moscow, Saint Petersburg University School of Management, Omsk University, Novosibirsk University, Moscow University Plekhanov, Columbia University, University of Tartu, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Vienna University of Economics and Business, and Vienna University of Law.

Experts:

- Maria Erokhova, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, HSE
- Karsten Richter, Division Manager, Strabag Group Russia

The organizers

The conference organizers study in Moscow and come from Austria and Russia



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